

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed 01/19/2006. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

1. It is noted that the Examiner contacted applicant's attorney on 9 January 2006 in order to get approval for an Examiner's amendment to the claims. Those changes were to claim 27, line 3 in order to correct an antecedent basis problem in that "the first requester" would be changed to just "the requester" and the dependency of claims 31 and 44 would be corrected. However, those changes were not made by Examiner's amendment because a new prior art reference was discovered and applied to the claims. Applicant has made the noted corrections to claims 31 and 44 in response to this Office action. Applicant has made an appropriate change to claim 27 to correct the antecedent basis problem in view of other amendments to the claim.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

3. The Examiner rejects claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 25 is rejected based on lack of positive antecedent basis of "the shared resource" on lines 2-3,4, and 7. Applicant has amended claim 25 to replace "shared resourced" with --component-- for which there is antecedent basis. A similar amendment has been made to claims 10, 55, and 70.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

4. The Examiner rejects claims 1,8-10,15,23-25,27,31-37,44-46,53-55,60,68-70,72-74, and 77-78 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Snyder et al., U. S. Pat. No. 6,745,274 B1.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 15, 46, 60, and 72 to include all of the limitations of dependent claims 7, 22, 52, 67, and 79 and any intervening dependent claims, which the Examiner found to contain allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 8-10, 15, 23-25, 46, 53-55, 60, 68-70, 72-74, and 77-78 be withdrawn in view of these amendments.

Applicant has amended independent claims 27 and 37 to add an element similar to that found in the claims the Examiner indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 27, 31-37, and 44-45 be withdrawn in view of these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner objects to claims 7, 22, 52, 67, 79, and 80 as being dependent on a rejected base

claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 15, 46, 60, and 72 to include all of the limitations of dependent claims 7, 22, 52, 67, and 79 and any intervening dependent claims and cancelled claims 7, 22, 52, 67, and 79. Applicant respectfully requests that independent claims 1, 15, 46, 60, and 72 and all claims that depend therefrom be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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